

# California Behavioral Health Planning Council

## Legislation and Public Policy Committee In-Between Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

**Meeting ID:** 990 5139 6286

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**Join by phone:** 1-669-900-6833

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- 9:00 a.m.**                    **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Javier Moreno, Chairperson*
- 9:05 a.m.**                    **Legislative Prioritization**                    **Tab 1**  
*Javier Moreno, Chairperson*
- Reaffirm the Purpose of Committee Policy Priorities
  - Policy Priorities for 2026
  - Council Focus for 2026
- 9:15 a.m.**                    **Proposed Legislation for Committee**                    **Tab 2**  
**Consideration (Action)**  
*Javier Moreno, Chairperson, and All LPPC Members*
- Committee Discussion
  - Public Comment
  - Roll Call Vote on Positions
- 9:50 a.m.**                    **General Public Comment**  
*Members of the public can comment on any non-action agenda item that did not have public comment or any other general item.*
- 9:55 a.m.**                    **Meeting Wrap-Up and Next Steps**  
*Javier Moreno, Chairperson*
- 10:00 a.m.**                    **Adjourn**

All agenda items are subject to action.

The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.

**Public Comment:** Limited to a **2-minute maximum** to ensure all are heard.

### Committee Members

**Chairperson:** Javier Moreno

**Chair-Elect:** Deborah Starkey

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Amanda Andrews, Karen Baylor, Jason L. Bradley, Monica Caffey, Erin Franco, Ian Kemmer, Barbara Mitchell, Catherine Moore, Noel O'Neill, Liz Oseguera, Danielle Sena, Karrie Sequeira, Daphne Shaw, Tony Vartan, Susan Wilson, Milan Zavala, Uma Zykofsky

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**Agenda Item:** Legislative Prioritization

**Enclosures:** [CBHPC Policy Priorities for 2026](#)

[CBHPC Focus for 2026](#)

**How This Agenda Item Relates to Council Mission**

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**Background/Description:**

Members of the LPPC and Council leadership agree that the Committee's work should be focused and meaningful. By choosing clear priorities, the Committee can better review proposed laws and take strong, informed positions.

To achieve the above, the Policy Priorities for 2026 were developed using feedback from Committee discussions in October 2025 and January 2026. Chairperson Javier Moreno and Chair Elect Deborah Starkey have approved them. These priorities guide the Committee's work all year, including which legislation to focus on and what recommendations to develop. In addition, the Officer Team set broader "focus areas" that also guide the work of committees. These focus areas help the CBHPC give timely and useful policy recommendations as California continues to change its behavioral health system.

Together, the Policy Priorities and the focus areas make sure the Committee's work is clear, coordinated, and responsive to the needs of people and communities across the

state. These documents will determine which bills the Committee will review, discuss and take a position on.

During this agenda item, Javier Moreno will explain the purpose of the Policy Priorities, how they were created and how they will be used by the committee, committee chairpersons and staff. A copy of the final Policy Priorities for 2026 and the Council Focus for 2026 are enclosed.

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**Agenda Item:** Proposed Legislation for Committee Consideration (Action)

**Enclosures:** Tiers for Prioritizing Bills Diagram

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**Background/Description:**

At the April 2026 meeting, the Committee was unable to discuss all proposed legislation.

To support purposeful, high impact efforts across the Committee's work amid the large volume of behavioral health bills in the legislative session, Council Staff and the Committee Chairs have identified bills from the remaining proposed legislation, as well as additional bills that had not been previously included, that demonstrate clear alignment with the Policy Priorities for 2026 and the Council Focus for 2026.

The updated Pending Legislative Positions Chart, which outlines these proposed bills, will be provided to the Committee members no later than ***close of business on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.***

During this agenda item, the committee will review and discuss the bills listed in the Pending Legislative Positions Chart. The committee may choose to take positions or elect to take no action on any of the proposed bills.

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**Tiers for Prioritizing Bills Diagram**

**Tier 1: High Priority (FULL ADVOCACY)**

May include all or some of the following:

- Send a letter on behalf of the Council to the Legislature
- Council Members meet with members of the Assembly and/or Senate
- Council Staff or Council Members testify at hearings upon request
- Council Staff state the Council's position at hearings
- Partner with other organizations in efforts to gain more support for the Council's positions/recommendations

**Tier 2: Medium Priority**

- Send a letter on behalf of the Council to the Legislature
- Post the Council's position letter on the website
- Include legislation on the Council's position list

**Tier 3: Lower Priority**

- Sign on to letters with partners, if asked
- Share sign-on letter with Council Members and Partners
- Post the position letter on the website
- Include on the Council's position list